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Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A power supply independent hot air dryer (3) device for generating a hot air flow (2), in which the heat (4) is generated by a catalytic heating element (5) that is supplied with a liquid fuel (6) from a fuel reservoir (10), and that the hot air flow (2) is generated by an electric blower (7), ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the ~~device (1)~~ hot air dryer (3) is provided with a fuel cell (8), ~~which supplies wherein the fuel cell (8) supplies~~ the blower (7) with electrical energy (9), ~~and a wherein the~~ reservoir (10) ~~for the liquid fuel (6) is provided, which~~ communicates via a valve (11) with the fuel cell (8) and the heating element (5) ~~for the sake of jointly supplying the fuel cell (8) and the heating element (5) them~~ with the liquid fuel (6).

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The hot air dryer (3) ~~device~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the fuel cell (8) supplies not only the blower (7) but also an electronic control unit (12), and selectively other electric components (13) ~~as well~~ with electrical energy (9).

4. (currently amended) The hot air dryer (3) ~~device~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the hot air dryer (3) ~~device (1)~~ is provided with a

viewing port (17), and the fuel reservoir (10), at least in the region of the viewing port (17), is of transparent material (18).